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SEPTEMBER MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
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time: 6:15 p.m.
Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

School's started. How's that for an information bomb? Nonetheless, we would like to remind you that ALL members, their families and guests are invited to participate in your camp's monthly meeting. We have had a number of new members join lately who don't know the "old-timers". How about making an appearance at this month's meeting to say hello.

Our speaker this month, while not exactly a SCV member, is very closely connected with the camp. Donna Hector will speak on "WBTS Literature for Young Adults". Donna has a project of writing a bibliography of materials that are unbiased available on the War for school librarians. She is going to share some of those books with us and tell what the kids are reading about our period of history. Come find out if there is any hope that the young

people can find out about the Confederacy in a way that is not negative about the CSA.

As an extra added event, the Ways & Means Comm. will have another drawing for a door prize for those attending.

RECRUITING SERGEANT'S REPORT

The recruiting Sgt. is pleased to report that another Southerner has joined the ranks of the SCV effective during the August meeting. Please join us in welcoming this young Compatriot to our ranks.

DONALD HAYS joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Great Grandfather Jobe Iva Harman who was a Sergeant in Co. K, 13th South Carolina Infantry. He served until paroled on 9 April 1865.

Don just graduated from the University of Texas and when last heard from was looking for a job as a coach at some public school. He was born January 31st at San Angelo and resides at 3122 Lake Meadow, San Antonio 78222, #(512) 648-7260 for the present. Welcome, Don.

CONFEDERATE ORATION 1894

From the Confederate Veteran of October 1894 and via "The Ranger", Camp #1455, Longview, we read about the 4th annual reunion of Hart's Battery. The orator of the day was Col. Robert Aldrich.

"You went into the war at the start and went in to stay. You fought the fight to the finish, and 'when the war drum sounded no longer, and the battle flags were furled,' you did not leave the glorious past to be buried with its glorious dead, but, while facing the future with manly hearts and without fear, you resolved to keep your achievements fresh and green until you die...It was then called the war for Southern rights, and it was right then and is right now, and as long as I can say anything, I will always say that my countrymen fought and bled and died for their rights. There was nothing wrong about it except the result."

Speaking of Gen. Robert Toombs, "...Gen. Toombs, who never struck his flag, and who, when some of his ante bellum associates in Congress from the North proposed to him to let them secure him a pardon that he might enter public life, replied in majesty: 'Pardon me? I have not pardoned you yet'...As long as the mountains stand where Ashby fell, as long as the rivers roll where Jackson and Lee fought, and as long as blood and ashes consecrate the soil of liberty, that refusal of the North to vindicate its positions in its own courts will stand as a monument to the righteousness of the Southern cause."

We add these words. Who will stand to be counted for these men and their ideals in the battle for the minds of the public and especially the school children if we of the SCV do not!

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WAYS & MEANS REPORT

FRUITCAKES AGAIN FOR SALE

Your Ways & Means Committee is again pleased to report that we have an easy fund raiser for the camp. You get a good tasting, award winning fruitcake for yourself or for your gift-giving. We get a commission on each one that you order. Make doubly sure to tell the bakery in Corsicana to credit the account of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Austin. Last year we made more than we have ever made from the cakes. The thanks is yours. Order again this year. Remember the cost to you is the same; the difference is we make some money.

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CUSTER THE GLORYHOUND

At the last, Custer walked up to Longstreet and loudly called, "I have come to demand your instant surrender. We are in a position to crush you, and unless you surrender at once, we will destroy you."

Longstreet blazed, "By what authority do you come in our lines? Gen. Lee is in communication with Gen. Grant. We will certainly not recognize any subordinate."

Custer answered, "Oh, Sheridan and I are independent of Grant today, and we will destroy you if you don't surrender at once."

Longstreet exploded, "I suppose you know no better and have violated the decencies of military procedure because you know no better, but it will not save you if you do so again. Now go and act as you and Sheridan choose and I will teach you a lesson you won't forget! Now, go!"--and he raised both hand and voice.

"I CAN STILL YELL"

Gen. Gordon testified that at Appomattox, "there were present three times as many enrolled Confederates; but two-thirds of them were so enfeebled by hunger, so wasted by sickness, and so footsore from constant marching that it was difficult for them to keep up with the army." Some of these were past all effort. They followed the column or the wagon train in the hopes that they might find food. Others insisted on marching even if they were too feeble to carry weapons.

Tradition has it that when Gordon formed his last line of battle, one man took his place in the ranks with both arms so wounded that he could not carry a gun. "What are you doing here?" and officer demanded. "You can't fight."

The soldier answered, "I know I can't, but I can still yell."

QUOTABLE QUOTE

President John F. Kennedy once said,

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is presented to

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In appreciation for the valuable contribution

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Our sincere gratitude is extended to you this

8th day of *June* 19 *91*.

Signed *Julia M. Plagant*

CALENDAR

- Sept. 12 - Monthly meeting.
Oct. 10 - Monthly meeting.
Oct. 11-13 - Reenactment for those interested at Battle of Cloutierville, Magnolia Plantation, Natchitoches, La. Preregistration advisable but not necessary.
Oct. 19-20 - Pioneer Farm Festival in northeast Austin. Living history demo of some sort and information on the SCV. Voted in Aug. to send participants again.
Oct. 26-27 - Living history at Texian Market Days, George Ranch Historical Park in Fort Bend County. Cavalry event especially.

For information on events, contact your Adjutant. Uniformed soldiers needed for Pioneer Farm.

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